

Remarks/Arguments

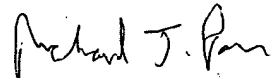
A minor clerical correction has been made in claim 5.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of three inventions. Without prejudice, the applicant elects group 1, consisting of claims 1 to 8, drawn to a method of handling sod. (It is understood that claims 9-24 will be withdrawn from consideration and that "divisional" applications can be filed for the non-elected inventions.)

The Examiner has also listed seven species and has required the applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Without prejudice, the applicant elects Species II, shown in Figs. 3-9 and 14. Claims 1 to 8 inclusive read on Species II (as described in the specification).

If anything additional is needed, or if we may be of further assistance, please telephone, collect if necessary, to Richard Parr at (416) 364-7311.

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